

honored as the "Fellow of the Bourns College of Engineering" by the college he helped establish at University of California, Riverside. He and Rosemary were also honored as Sensors Magazine's 1996 Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010 and as Cal State University, San Bernardino's recipients of the Spirit of the Entrepreneur Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

Marlan is survived by his son Gordon; daughters Linda Hill, Anita Macbeth and Denise Moyle; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who will fondly remember his sense of humor and compassion for others.

Marlan will always be remembered for his incredible contributions to business, his work ethic, generosity, and love of family. His dedication to his work and community is a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Marlan's family and friends; although Marlan may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,567,074,702,635.03. We've added \$6,940,197,653,721.95 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE REAMES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Wayne Reames of Belin McCormick in Des Moines, Iowa for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Wayne in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Reames for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues

in the House to join me in congratulating Wayne on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

HONORING HENRY GORDON PHILIP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Henry Gordon Philip. Hank is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hank has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hank has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Hank has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Hank has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Hank built three hardwood benches that were placed in the vestibule of the Church of the Annunciation in Kearney, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Henry Gordon Philip for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING CLAUDIA NEIDHARDT

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Claudia Neidhardt for her 17 years working in my district office and serving the people of the Sixth District of Massachusetts.

Claudia, a longtime resident of Newburyport, began working in my District office just months after I was first elected to Congress in 1997. For nearly two decades she has been the voice constituents have come to trust when they call my office seeking assistance.

Not only has Claudia served as the face of the office, she has assisted hundreds of constituents in applying for admission to military academies, obtaining passports and travel documentation, and navigating the intricacies of any number of government agencies. She has organized dozens of Congressional Art Competitions and stood with young constituents whose artwork has been chosen to hang in the halls of Congress each year.

Claudia's kindness and compassion toward the constituents of the Sixth District as well as her colleagues has truly made her the glue of my district office.

Claudia's commitment to youth is of special note. She has created a positive, welcoming environment for the many young women and

men who have worked with us through the years, demonstrating that public service is indeed an honorable profession. When I have the pleasure of running into our former interns, or those who have sought to serve our nation while continuing their education at one of our service academies, they often ask about Claudia and express how much they appreciate her care and personal attention to them.

I wish Claudia all the best as she embarks on a new chapter in her life alongside her husband Fred, their two children, Brian and Meg, and her grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING JOSEPH A. COGNITORE

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Joseph A. Cognitore, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Fischer-Hewins Post 6249 in Rocky Point, New York. Joe is a humble man of quiet leadership and vision who inspires many to recognize veterans and their invaluable service to our country. On April 9, Joe will be honored as Rocky Point Lions Club "Man of the Year", an accolade that recognizes his military service and his tireless home front efforts in assisting his fellow veterans, as well as his commitment to the needs of the Rocky Point community.

Joe was a U.S. Army Platoon Sergeant who served with honor in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971. His service earned him a Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge for his valor on the battlefield. After his discharge from the Army, Joe worked at the Coca Cola bottling plant in Suffolk County for 38 years, where he eventually became branch manager.

Following a legacy of military service and VFW membership, Joe joined the Farmingdale Post where his father served as Chaplain and his uncle as Commander. However, it was upon joining the Rocky Point Post in 1991 that he truly found his calling. In 1994, Joe became Commander of the Post, the position he currently holds. His leadership has resulted in increased membership, extensive outreach, and assistance to those in need, especially Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. For more than a decade, the Rocky Point VFW Post has raised funds to send weekly care packages to troops overseas.

Joe was also instrumental to the Diamond in the Pines 9/11 memorial project in Coram, raising more than \$40,000. Together with the hard work of the Post and the Town of Brookhaven, the memorial was completed in six months and dedicated on September 4, 2011.

Recently, Joe and other veteran leaders joined forces with Long Island Home Builders Care in their "Building New Homes for Returning Veterans" program, an affordable housing initiative that provides new homes to returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families. Together with municipalities, private companies, volunteers, and many others, this collaborative effort resulted in the building of a new six-home subdivision named Veterans' Way. Just before Christmas Day 2013, a proud community watched six veterans, their wives, and their young children receive the

keys to their new homes. In order to support this worthy cause, the Rocky Point VFW Post sponsors an annual Wounded Warrior Golf Outing. The proceeds benefit Long Island Home Builders Care, the Wounded Warrior Project, and honors the death of U.S. Army Sgt. Jonathan Keller, a 1998 Shoreham-Wading River High School graduate who died in 2009 of injuries he received while serving in Afghanistan.

Joe also coordinates the VFW Post's Youth Council events, which connect young people with veterans to teach the importance of service and good citizenship. He is also an active member of the Rocky Point Senior Center, where he co-founded a program for senior citizen veterans.

On behalf of the First Congressional District, I rise today to recognize a man who has spent his life recognizing others; a respected leader whose commitment to service is unyielding. I am proud to call Joe Cognitore my constituent and prouder to call him my friend.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY RANALLO

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Anthony in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Ranallo for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Anthony on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

GIRLS OF STEEL ROBOTICS TEAM

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Girls of Steel robotics team on winning the Engineering Inspiration Award at the 2014 Pittsburgh Regional F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition.

This is the third year in a row in which they have won this prestigious award, which goes

to the team that does the most to increase appreciation for engineering in its community. I think that the remarkable accomplishment of winning this award three years running speaks volumes about the dedication these young women have to engineering as well as their considerable talent.

The Girls of Steel also won the Entrepreneurship Award at both the Buckeye Regional and the Greater Pittsburgh Regional competitions. This award recognizes a team that developed the best business plan to identify, manage, and accomplish its objectives.

F.I.R.S.T., which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," is an organization dedicated to engaging our students in the vital fields of science, technology, math, and engineering (STEM). Hundreds of thousands of students gain practical, team-based engineering experiences through F.I.R.S.T. every year.

As a founder and co-chair of the Congressional Robotics Caucus, I believe competitions like these are incredible tools for helping our young people explore potential careers in STEM. I've witnessed firsthand the incredible economic growth and development that these fields can bring in my home district, and I strongly believe that these fields are crucial to our Nation's future prosperity. For encouraging young people in these pursuits, I want to commend organizations like F.I.R.S.T. for their important work. The F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition allows students to apply creativity and critical thinking in the demanding and competitive field of robotics, all while instilling a strong sense of pride in participants.

Thirty-nine young women from high schools located in and around the Pittsburgh area are members of this year's Girls of Steel, and in recognition of their hard work, intelligence, and teamwork, I would like to mention each of these inspiring ladies by name. They are Isabella Arnone, Sonia Appasamy, Arushi Bandi, Elizabeth Bianchini, Grace Brueggman, Abbey Ceraso, Rachel Cherian, Claudia Contreras, Laurel Donatelli, Samantha Eppinger, Clarisa Espinoza-Delgado, Mackenzie Ferris, Naoka Gunawardena, Heather Harrington, Rosanne Harrison, Sydney Hnat, Shoko Kanemoto, Campbell Konrad, Elizabeth Kysel, Jisue Lee, Sylvia Lee, Sophia Lee, Cheyenne Meyers, Gigi Nieson, Anne Kailin Northam, Maddie Oppelt, Simran Parwani, Korryn Resetar, Rachel Round, Kaitlyn Schaffer, Kriti Shah, Grace Schneider, Katie Shreve, Makalya Shreve, Lynn Urbina, Molly Urbina, Becca Volk, Alayna Yates, and Natalie Young.

I would also like to mention that two of the Girls of Steel, Simran Parwani of Fox Chapel High School and Sylvie Lee from Shady Side Academy, were awarded the prestigious F.I.R.S.T. Dean's List Award. This award highlights and celebrates exemplary student leaders who demonstrate and embody F.I.R.S.T.'s ideals.

Additionally, I want to convey my sincere appreciation to the staff of Carnegie Mellon University's Field Robotics Center, who have mentored the Girls of Steel since 2010. Because of their efforts, more young women can experience real-world technological challenges and learn from some of the Nation's best at solving these problems. These experiences will certainly benefit these young women in the future.

I look forward to hearing about their progress as they advance to the F.I.R.S.T.

Championship in St. Louis—the final and largest competition of its kind. This will be their fourth trip in four years and they will be competing against top teams from all over the world. I congratulate the Girls of Steel and wish them all continued success in their academic and professional endeavors.

HONORING EDYTH ANN WORTHY

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate the life and career of Edyth Ann Worthy on the occasion of her 88th birthday. On April 10, 2014, hundreds of friends and former students will gather for an appreciation reception at the Old Country Store in Jackson, Tennessee to celebrate Ms. Worthy's 37 years in education.

Edyth Ann Worthy was born and raised in Lenoir City, Tennessee and graduated with education degrees from both Tennessee Tech and George Peabody University. After two years with Tullahoma High School, Ms. Worthy moved to West Tennessee to become the physical education teacher and head girls' basketball coach at Jackson High School.

During her 35 years with the Jackson-Madison County School System, Ms. Worthy coached basketball, sponsored the cheerleaders and the Tri-Hi-Y club, was the director for the YMCA day camp, and served as the official hostess for the TSSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament held in Jackson during the 1960's and 1970's. For all of her efforts and dedication for youth sports, Ms. Worthy received the Jackson-Madison County Sports Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award in 1995.

Even after her official retirement, Ms. Worthy's love for education continued as she worked part-time at Union University's Music Department. For her unwavering devotion to education, sports, and the children of Jackson-Madison County, Ms. Worthy certainly deserves the appreciation and recognition from her students, friends, and our whole community. On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Edyth Ann Worthy.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARBONDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Carbondale Public Library, which will celebrate its 140th anniversary on May 9, 2014. The library was founded in the winter of 1873 by the Principal of Schools, E. Francis, and incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth in 1875. In 1983, it became part of the Library System managed by Lackawanna County. In 1996, the Carbondale Public Library moved into a new facility next to Carbondale City Hall.

Today, the library is an active learning hub in the community—featuring events and educational workshops—and a fantastic resource